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1. One component in OER advises that the sample provided for evaluation provided the following information of value:

- a. Affirmation of reports that AGREEXPORT has been dispersed. Earlier reports indicated that several ministries had left Hanoi.
- b. Quality problems in export products.
- c. Difficulties in meeting export commitments.
- d. Examples of trade agreements with the Free World, e.g., Canton fair agreements.

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2. Although specific information that might be derived from [redacted] cannot be listed, we can say that because of the dearth of information on the actual operations of the economy of North Vietnam, the fragments contained in the attached reports are valuable in assessing current strengths and weaknesses in the economy. There is, in addition, the possibility that these sources will provide data on North Vietnam's imports of significant commodities from Free World countries, details of which are not always available even from our close friends.

3. Another OER component comments that this type of economic reporting includes the following information of value:

- a. Confirmation of trade with African and Asian countries that do not list North Vietnam in their trade statistics.
- b. Level of imports of machinery and vehicles from the Free World.

4. The information provided in these reports provides a minimum of useful data. What is provided is usually too fragmentary to be meaningful, but there is enough useful information in the categories listed above to make the material worth receiving.

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